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In re application of :  
KURZ, Thekla, et al. : Group Art Unit: 1617  
Serial No.: 09/889,930 *pdh* : Examiner: Shengjun Wang  
Filed: October 3, 2001 :  
For: LYOPHILISATES WITH IMPROVED RECONSTITUTIBILITY

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks as a response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2002.

In the Claims

Please cancel all the claims without prejudice or disclaimer and enter the following new claims.

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--13. A process for preparing a lyophilisate, having an improved dissolution rate, of 2-methyl-5-methylsulfonyl-4-(1-pyrrolyl)benzoylguanidine methanesulfonate, N-[2-methyl-4,5-bis-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]guanidine hydrochloride or 4-isopropyl-3-methylsulfonylbenzoylguanidine methanesulfonate, comprising dissolving 2-methyl-5-methylsulfonyl-4-(1-pyrrolyl)benzoylguanidine methanesulfonate, N-[2-methyl-4,5-bis-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]guanidine hydrochloride or 4-isopropyl-3-methylsulfonylbenzoylguanidine methanesulfonate to form a solution suitable for lyophilization by optionally warming the solution to accelerate dissolution, filtering the solution, placing the solution into a freeze drier in a vial, and then warming the solution to 30°C to 95°C followed by rapidly producing the freeze phase from the elevated temperature.